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**Office Action Summary**

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2006.  
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.  
7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

In view of the reply brief filed on May 5, 2006, PROSECUTION IS HEREBY REOPENED.

To avoid abandonment of the application, appellant must exercise one of the following two options:

(1) file a reply under 37 CFR 1.111 (if this Office action is non-final) or a reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (if this Office action is final); or,

(2) initiate a new appeal by filing a notice of appeal under 37 CFR 41.31 followed by an appeal brief under 37 CFR 41.37. The previously paid notice of appeal fee and appeal brief fee can be applied to the new appeal. If, however, the appeal fees set forth in 37 CFR 41.20 have been increased since they were previously paid, then appellant must pay the difference between the increased fees and the amount previously paid.

A Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) has approved of reopening prosecution by signing below:

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim1-20 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kashiwagi et al (US 6,393,574) in view of Yamane et al (US 5,784,528).

**[claims 1, 6, & 17]**

In regard to Claims 1, 6, and 17, Kashiwagi discloses a method of recording an encoded bit stream, said encoded bit stream representing a plurality of video objects comprising a sequence of cells together constituting a part of an MPEG2 Program Stream, on a disc like record carrier, such as an optical disc, said method comprising:

- Recording a collection of contiguously arranged video objects in a video object storage area of said disc (Column 61 lines 51-57 describes the collection of contiguously arranged in a video object storage area);
- Recording management information in a management information area of said disc for storing information about recording video objects (Figure 22 and further described in Column 19 lines 64+ through Column 20 Lines 1-12); Said collection is partitioned into adjacent recording that represent playable titles characterized by
- Defining a playable title as playback sequence of all complete cells or subsets of complete cells of a recording in order of allocation within the video object storage area on the disc (Column 20 Lines 31-39 describes the defining of the playable titles); however fails to disclose generating a title list of titles stored in the order of arrangement within the video object area on said disc.

Yamane et al discloses a system wherein the generation of title list of titles stored in order of arrangement within the video object as described in Column 9 Lines 35+.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use a method

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of recording an encoded bit stream, as disclosed by Kashiwagi, and further incorporate the generation of title list, as disclosed by Yamane et al.

**[claims 2, 7, & 18]**

In regard to Claims 2, 7, and 18, Kashiwagi discloses a method characterized by defining a free space title that represents free space within the video object area and including the free space title in the title list (Column 19 Lines 5-25 describes the free space title)

**[claims 3, 8, & 19]**

In regard to Claims 3, 8, and 19, Kashiwagi discloses a method characterized by blocking free space titles for playback (Column 19 Lines 5-25 describes the blocking free space titles).

**[claims 4, 9, & 20]**

In regard to Claims 4, 9, and 20, Kashiwagi discloses a method characterized by converting a deleted title to a free space title (column 19 Lines 5+ describes the deletion of title to a free space title).

**[claim 5]**

In regard to Claim 5, Kashiwagi discloses a method characterized by generating a title menu listing the titles in the same order as in the title table for allowing user access to the titles (column 20 Lines 40-60 describes the generating of a title menu).

**[claim 10]**

In regard to Claim 10, Kashiwagi discloses a recording apparatus characterized in that the system control means are adapted to generate a title menu listing the titles in the

same order as the title table for allowing user access to the titles and recording means comprises output means for displaying the title menu (Column 20 Lines 40-60 describes the title menu listing in a table).

**[claim 11]**

In regard to Claim 11, Kashiwagi discloses a method wherein the generating the title list of titles further comprises generating titles for both the playback sequence of all complete cells and the subset of complete cells (Column 19 lines 64+ through Column 20 lines 1-20 describes the playback sequence of all complete cells).

**[claims 12 & 13]**

In regard to Claims 12 and 13, Kashiwagi a method wherein generating the title list of titles comprises: Defining a free space title that represents free space; Deleting at least one of the playback sequence of all complete cells and converting the deleted sequence into the free space title; and Wherein the free space title representing the deleted sequence includes the title for the subset of complete cells ((Column 19 lines 5+ describes the free space title that represents the free space)

**[claim 14]**

In regard to Claim 14, Kashiwagi discloses a recording apparatus wherein the system control means further generate the title list of titles for both the playback sequence of all complete cells and the subset of complete cells (Column 20 lines 40-60 describes the generation of title lists).

**[claim 15]**

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In regard to Claim 15, Kashiwagi discloses a recording apparatus wherein the system control means generates a free space title representing free space within the video object area and including the free space title in the title list, deletes at least one of the playback sequence of all complete cells and converting the deleted sequence into free space title, and wherein the free space title representing the deleted sequence includes the title for the subset of complete cells (Column 20 lines 40-60 describes the generation of the various lists).

#### **Contact Information**

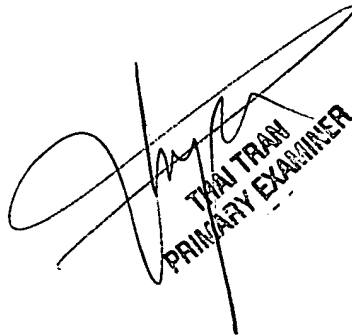
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamie Vent whose telephone number is 571-272-7384. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on 571-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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